

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01     PRETOR 04420 011750Z

ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 IO-14 HA-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-05 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02

SP-02 SS-15 ICA-20 ACDA-12 OMB-01 /119 W

-----034725 011827Z /42

P 011640Z AUG 78

FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1951

USUN MISSION NEW YORK PRIORITY 2938

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

UNCLAS PRETORIA 4420

E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: WA, SF, PDEV

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PRESS REPORTS DFA EXPECTS RAPID

IMPLEMENTATION IF AHISAARI REPORT ACCEPTED

1. "PRETORIA NEWS" AND "JOHANNESBURG STAR" POLITICAL  
CORRESPONDENTS LEON MARSHALL AND HUGH LEGGATT, CITING  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) SPOKESMEN, THIS AFTERNOON  
ANTICIPATE RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL ON  
NAMIBIA "IF SOUTH AFRICA FINDS NO PROBLEM ARISING FROM  
THE (AHTISAARI'S) REPORT." THEY WRITE THAT AHTISAARI IS  
EXPECTED IN WINDHOEK THIS COMING WEEKEND AND SHOULD COMPLETE  
HIS REPORT IN ABOUT A WEEK. LEGGATT STATES THE DFA  
CONSIDERS IT FEASIBLE TO ACHIEVE NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE  
BY DECEMBER 31. AT THE SAME TIME, BOTHE CORRESPONDENTS  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02     PRETOR 04420 011750Z

DESCRIBE BOTHA'S MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM (PRETORIA 4383)

AS MEANING THE SAG INTENDS TO PROCEED ONE STATE AT A

TIME, ONE OFFICIAL SOURCE BEING QUOTED AS SAYING: "IF

WE GO CAREFULLY, STEP BY STEP, WE SHOULD GET OUR WAY THROUGH."

THE DFA SPOKESMEN REPORTEDLY CHARACTERIZED NUJOMA'S

CONDITIONS FOR A CEASEFIRE AS "POSTURING" AND

"NONSENSE" IN LIGHT OF THE PROVISION IN THE WESTERN

PROPOSAL THAT SOUTH AFRICA TROOP WITHDRAWAL IS DEPENDENT  
UPON COMPLETE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. MARSHALL  
ASSERTS THE BIG QUESTION FACING AHTISAARI AND THE UN  
IS HOW TO COMMIT NUJOMA TO A CEASEFIRE.

3. IN A SEPARATE STORY FROM WINDHEOK, "PRETORIA  
NEWS" REPORTS THE DFA AS BELIEVING IT WOULD BE A "TREMENDOUS  
SHOCK" IF THE INDEPENDENCE DATE OF DECEMBER 31 IS NOT MET,  
WHILE THE NNF CONSIDERS THAT DEADLINE "RIDICULOUS."  
DTA CHAIRMAN MUDGE IS SAID TO HAVE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS  
TO COMPROMISE ON THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS BY YEAR'S END.  
EMDONDSON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** REPORTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 01 aug 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978PRETOR04420  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780314-1155  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** PRETORIA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t197808112/aaaadpyd.tel  
**Line Count:** 74  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 52226b59-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29 mar 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 1577108  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** NAMIBIA: PRESS REPORTS DFA EXPECTS RAPID IMPLEMENTATION IF AHISAARI REPORT ACCEPTED  
**TAGS:** PDEV, WA, SF  
**To:** STATE USUN NEW YORK  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/52226b59-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014